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6 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
7 **DISTRICT OF NEVADA**
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9 RONALD LAWRENCE MORTENSEN,

10 Petitioner,

11 vs.

12 DWIGHT D. NEVEN, et al.,

13 Respondents.
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Case No. 2:11-cv-00266-KJD-CWH

ORDER

15 Petitioner's counsel has filed a motion to withdraw as counsel of record (ECF No. 106),
16 citing a conflict of interest. The court grants this motion.

17 Respondents have filed a motion to strike response (ECF No. 103). Respondents argue that
18 petitioner's response (ECF No. 102) contains ad hominem attacks upon counsel for respondents.
19 Given that granting the motion to strike likely will cause yet another flurry of litigation, and given
20 that the court is unlikely to consider petitioner's proper-person filings as long as he is represented by
21 counsel, the court will deny this motion.

22 IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the motion to withdraw as counsel of record (ECF No.
23 106) is **GRANTED**. The representation of petitioner by Gia McGillivray is **TERMINATED**.

24 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the clerk of the court shall forward a copy of this order to
25 the CJA Coordinator, who shall locate substitute counsel for petitioner. The clerk of the court also
26 shall send a copy of this order to petitioner himself, Ronald L. Mortensen, #54506, Northern Nevada
27 Correctional Center, P.O. Box 7000, Carson City, NV 89702.
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IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that respondents' motion to strike response (ECF No. 103) is
DENIED.

DATED: May 23 2017



KENT J. DAWSON
United States District Judge